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# S. 963

For the relief of Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2001

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ANA**  
4       **ESPARZA AND MARIA MUNOZ.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
6       and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
7       Act, Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz shall be eligible for  
8       issuance of immigrant visas or for adjustment of status  
9       to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence  
10      upon filing an application for issuance of immigrant visas  
11      under section 204 of that Act or for adjustment of status  
12      to lawful permanent resident.

1       (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Ana Esparza or  
2 Maria Munoz enters the United States before the filing  
3 deadline specified in subsection (c), the alien shall be con-  
4 sidered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall  
5 be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of  
6 the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of en-  
7 actment of this Act.

8       (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF  
9 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-  
10 plication for issuance of immigrant visas or the application  
11 for adjustment of status are filed with appropriate fees  
12 within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

13       (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.—  
14 Upon the granting of immigrant visas or permanent resi-  
15 dence to Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz, the Secretary  
16 of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by the  
17 appropriate number, during the current or next following  
18 fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are  
19 made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth  
20 under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
21 Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas  
22 that are made available to natives of the country of the  
23 aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF ANA ESPARZA FOR PUBLIC BENE-**  
2 **FITS.**

3 Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Op-  
4 portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1601 et  
5 seq.) shall not apply for purposes of determining the eligi-  
6 bility of Ana Esparza or Maria Munoz for any Federal  
7 public benefit (as defined in section 401(c) (8 U.S.C.  
8 1611(c)), including a specified Federal program defined  
9 in section 402(a)(3) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(3)),  
10 a designated Federal program defined in section 402(b)(3)  
11 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(3)), or a State or local pub-  
12 lic benefit, as defined in section 411(c) of that Act (8  
13 U.S.C. 1621(c)).

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